

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, April 25, 2007 2:47 p.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Mayes, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltrown, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)

Representative Kathleen Law made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2007. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Tom Coon, Director of Michigan State University (MSU) Extension, spoke to the Committee regarding the economic impact and potential of Michigan's Agri-Food System. Mr. Coon discussed the work of MSU Extension, the Michigan Agricultural Experiment System, the Bioeconomy, research being conducted in conjunction with Working Bugs, Daimler Chrysler and NextEnergy. Mr. Coon also provided information regarding wind energy, the C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at MSU, the Five County Food System Economic Partnership (FSEP), the MSU Student Organic Farm and the MSU Product Center. Mr. Coon reviewed the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) academic programs and opportunities afforded CANR graduates. Questions were answered for Committee members.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Mayes declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 3:18 p.m.

Representative Jeff Mayes, Chair

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